



Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116
Expedited Procedure - Group 2672

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIDEAKI OHSHIMA et al.) : Examiner: J. Brier
Application No.: 09/176,274) : Group Art Unit: 2670 **RECEIVED**
Filed: October 21, 1998) : SEP 23 2004
For: IMAGE PROCESSING) :
APPARATUS AND METHOD,) :
AND COMPUTER-READABLE) :
MEMORY : September 20, 2004
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2004 for one month from September 7, 2004 to October 7, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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